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SUBJ: U.S.-IRAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN DISCUSSING FORTHCOMING U.S.-IRANIAN TALKS ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH US AUGUST 3, DR. ARABIAN-KHOSHKOU, WHO IS NO. 2 IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN (AEOI), EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED ON OUR NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AND THEREFORE IT PRESUMABLY NOT POSSIBLE FOR A FIRM NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SPECULATED THAT THE MOST DIFFICULT OBSTACLE TO BE OVERCOME WAS FORMULATION OF LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD PERMIT IRAN TO HAVE A FULL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE PROCESS "AT SUCH TIME AS SUCH A PROCESS WAS DETERMINED NOT TO BE A THREAT TO NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES." ARABIAN WORRIED THAT IRAN IS GOING TO BE A TEST CASE OF A NEWER AND STIFFER AND MORE RESTRICTIVE U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY AND THAT CONGRESS MAY AGAIN

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CHALLENGE IRAN'S RECTITUDE, RELIABILITY AND INTEGRITY AS IT HAS DONE IN THE CASE OF THE PROPOSED AWACS SALE. HE CHARACTERIZED THE TESTIMONY THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN OPPOSING THE AWACS SALE AND PARTICULARLY ALLEGED CIA OPPOSITION AS PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTING AND OFFENSIVE. IF, HE SAID, THE SAME KIND OF DISTRUST IS GOING TO BE EXPRESSED IN REGARD TO IRAN'S COMMITMENT TO NON-PROLIFERATION THEN IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE

FOR IRAN TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE UNITED STATES. ARABIAN
LATER CONFESSED THAT HE MAY HAVE OVER-DRAMATIZED THIS POINT
AND THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION ONLY BUT IT WAS CLEAR
THAT IT WAS A DEEPLY FELT CONCERN AND ONE THAT HE DOUBTLESS
WILL PUSH WITH AEOI PRESIDENT ETEMAD.

2. ARABIAN ALSO CRITICIZED THE U.S. APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL ON THE SPREAD OF HIGH LEVEL SOPHISTICATED NUCLEAR
TECHNOLOGY. HE SAID THAT IRAN AGREES 100 PERCENT WITH M.S.
OBJECTIVES BUT FEELS THAT IT IS BADLY MISTAKEN IN LIMITING INITIAL
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT TO NUCLEAR HAVES. HE FELT IT
WAS FAR BETTER TACTICALLY AND POLITICALLY FOR NUCLEAR HAVES
AND HAVE-NOTS TO JOIN TOGETHER AT THE OUTSET IN THE SEARCH
FOR A SOLUTION TO THIS VITAL QUESTION. THE WAY IT IS NOW
LEAVES THE IMPRESSION, CORRECTLY OR NOT, THAT THE NUCLEAR
HAVES WISH TO MAINTAIN THEIR MONOPOLY ON TECHNOLOGY, FUEL
AND FUEL PROCESSING FOR SELFISH COMMERCIAL REASONS. THIS
IS NOT THE WAY, HE SAID, TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE OR GAIN
COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT HE HOPES TO DISCUSS THESE QUES-
TIONS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

3. ARABIAN ALSO EXPRESSED EARNEST HOPE THAT A MEETING
BETWEEN DR. ETEMAD AND DR. SCHLESINGER COULD BE ARRANGED
BECAUSE HE FELT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FROM BOTH
COUNTRIES' POINT OF VIEW IN APPROACHING OVERALL ENERGY
QUESTIONS IN THE FUTURE.
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